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Deer Park Student Honored by Legislator D'Amaro As Second Place Winner in County 'Pool Smart' Contest



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(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... July 18, 2016) – John F. Kennedy Intermediate School student Oviya Omprakash was recently honored by Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) for being named the Second Place winner in the County's 2016 "Be Pool

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Smart” poster contest. Established in 2007, the competition invites elementary school students to promote the importance of pool safety by creating a poster that illustrates pool safety tips.

One poster is selected from all of those submitted to be used as part of a countywide message from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in its seasonal safety campaign. Entries were submitted by students from throughout Legislative District 17 and, initially, Oviya’s creative design was named the District winner. Her poster was then submitted to compete at the County level where it was ultimately selected as the Second Place winner by the non-partisan Legislature’s non-partisan Budget Review Office.

Each contest participant received a Certificate of Distinguished Achievement, presented to them at a ceremony at their respective schools, and Oviya was awarded a special Suffolk County Proclamation from Legislator D’Amaro before the entire Legislature in June. She was joined by her parents, as well as her classroom teacher Karen Hyland and art teacher Joanne Buck.

“The ‘Be Pool Smart’ poster contest is a fun way to teach children in spreading the important message about how taking a few simple precautions around swimming pools can help avoid tragedies,” said Legislator D’Amaro. “I thank all of the students who participated in the poster contest and especially want to congratulate Oviya. She has made our community proud.”

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Veterans committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.